

COMING EVENTS:

From the north: When entering Lawton via I-44 take the US-281 Business exit. Exit 39B toward Lawton. There is a slight left jog in the road as it merges into 281 Business/Second Street. Proceed south on 2nd Street to Gore Blvd. (traffic light). Turn right (west) onto Gore Blvd. Travel approximately 1 mile to 11th Street (traffic light). Turn left (south) on 11th Street. Travel to SW F Avenue (traffic light) and turn right (west) .3 mile to the shop. Sign out front says “Cantrell’s Piano Clinic.” Address is 1511 SW F Avenue. Norman suggests that after the meeting we could go to Meers in the Wichita Mountains and have lunch.

MAY – The May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2005 at 8:30 AM at the shop of Bob Scheer. Bob's shop is located at 4305 Sycamore Lane in Edmond, Oklahoma. Bob will be presenting a technical on "Vertical Hammer Filing and Voicing".

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BUSINESS TIP:

Most of us have at least thought about taxes by now. As I was preparing my final ledger reports to send to the accountant this year I was also doing the final log of my mileage. In the past I have noted the beginning and ending odometer readings on the calendar page of my day timer. At the end of the month I would total the miles up and enter them multiplied by the mileage allowance in my books. I realized that I could set up a spreadsheet file that would do the calculations for me and save a little arithmetic time.

Most spreadsheet programs are similar in that they use cells to enter data and you can program formulas to do the math calculations by entering cell addresses rather than entering specific data each time. I began by placing the titles across the top of the page: Month: Begin: End: and Total Miles. Beneath the month I entered numbers for each day of the month. Under total miles in the first cell I programmed it to subtract the beginning miles from the ending miles. I copied this formula in all the cells in the Totals column. At the bottom I skipped a line and entered a formula to add all the totals together. This was my total miles driven. I skipped a line and entered a formula that multiplied the total miles by this year's mileage allowance of 40.5 cents. The beauty of the spreadsheets is that they do all the calculations immediately. If I enter the mileage for the first day it posts in the Totals column, updates the Total Miles Driven and updates the dollar figure at the same time.

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Lawton, Oklahoma

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I have heard many of you voice these problems and express a desire for help. In June, my daughter, Michelle Siebert, is starting a business to help people organize their businesses and/or their lives. She will be working with small businesses and people who are self-employed. If you are interested in talking with her to see if she can help you, please feel free to contact her at 844-7581 or 640-8682. She has a strong background in Word,

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